

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Re: *CipherBlade, LLC, et al. v. CipherBlade, Ltd. et al.* – 23 Civ. 5671 (AKH)

Dear Counsel:

I write to repeat the disclosure I made on the record at today's session.

I read in the newspaper that a sizable number of lawyers who previously worked at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP ("Stroock") have joined Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, counsel for the defendants. I was close to a number of these lawyers, including Robert Lewin, Michele Jacobson and Julia Strickland, and Ms. Strickland's daughter had been an intern in my chambers. None of these lawyers from Stroock is involved in this case.

I have no bias in this case and I believe that there is no appearance of bias. To the extent that either of you objects, your objection should be noted in a letter to the Clerk of the Court filed no later than August 10, 2023.

This letter will be made part of the court records.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvin K. Hellerstein", followed by a horizontal flourish line.

Alvin K. Hellerstein
United States District Judge (Senior)

cc: Clerk of Court - SDNY